



Front Country Trails Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force

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TO: Front Country Trails Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force

FROM: Rebecca Mordini, Front Country Trails Coordinator

SUBJECT: **Front Country Trails Program Update**

RECOMMENDATION: That the FCT Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force receives a status report on Front Country Trail activities from December 2010 through February 2011.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this staff report is to provide the FCT Task Force with information on various FCT activities from December 2010 through February 2011. This report includes both agency and volunteer projects.

Fire Crew Trail Skills Coaching December 12 and 13, 2010

Forest Service staff and trail volunteers worked together to develop and conduct a two-day program to translate fire-line skills of Forest Service firefighters into the goals and techniques for trail maintenance. Chris Orr led the training on both days with assistance from Dave Everett, Greg Hall, and Ryan Harris. Crews from the Los Padres Hotshots and Engines 41, 42, and 44 participated in the training.

Youth Corps Trail Work December 2010 – February 2011

Santa Barbara Youth Corps, lead by Mark Guy from County Parks and Curt Taylor, worked the trails nearly every other week, weather permitting. The Youth Corps mostly recently completed trail maintenance on Rattlesnake trail. The slide area just below the meadow was repaired and waterbars were cleared.

Forest Service Firefighters on San Ysidro
February 2011

Los Padres Hotshots and Engine crews 41, 42, and 44 cleared heavy brush from the top to the bottom of the San Ysidro Trail. They cleared areas not easily accessible by volunteers, including heavier brush that required chainsaw work.

Berm Busting Bonanza
January 2011 and February 5, 2011

The Multi-Use Trail Coalition organized trail days to remove high berms on Jesusita Trail that had produced a canyon-like effect and increased water damage. The repaired sections now have a slight out-slope that allows for better water drainage.

Romero Rock Slide
February 13, 2011

The Forest Service and volunteers with Santa Barbara Mountain Bike Trail Volunteers (SBMTV) created a passable route through a rock slide on Old Romero Road. The group of 15 volunteers worked inwards from both ends of the rockslide and created a stable trail bed through the slide.

Trail Maintenance Map
December 2010 – February 2011

Dave Everett used GPS coordinates to develop an interactive trail map that works with Google Earth and shows maintenance features. A system of icons was developed to show waterbars, brush and tread issues, and the degree of work needed. The map connects to pictures and text about specific areas and projects. To get to the map, insert this link in Google Earth. http://www.multiuse.org/mapfiles/fct_itmmap1.kmz

Trail Assessment Project
January 20 – 30, 2011

FCT staff, including Kerry Kellogg, Kyah Laporta, Jill Zachary, Kathy Frye, Rebecca Mordini, and Mark Guy, as well as Ray Ford, Otis Calef, and Chris Orr, either walked the trails with Jeremy Vlcan or assisted with transportation to the trail head.

UCSB Outreach
February 15, 2011

The FCT Coordinator gave a presentation during a UCSB Community Affairs Board meeting, which was attended by over 30 students. The presentation focused on safety, etiquette, and volunteer opportunities.